



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The United States Congress designated March 25th each year as National Medal of Honor Day, the date the first Medal of Honor was presented in 1862; and
- WHEREAS: Since the Civil War, brave men and women from Minnesota have answered the call to defend and protect the freedoms we hold dear, and several have gone beyond this call of duty, risking injury and loss of life, distinguishing themselves as heroes; and
- WHEREAS: The Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military award for acts of valor against an enemy force, has been awarded to more than 3,400 service members, 55 of whom are associated with the state of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: This distinguished group includes Captain Charles Lindbergh, for demonstrating courage during his 1927 nonstop flight from New York to Paris in the Spirit of St. Louis; Captain Richard Fleming, for extraordinary heroism, above and beyond the call of duty, during the Battle of Midway in 1942; Michael Colalillo, for acts of bravery during World War II; and Leo Thorsness, for acts of heroism and self-sacrifice during the Vietnam War; and
- WHEREAS: The people of Minnesota are forever grateful to our brave service members, who have received the prestigious Medal of Honor, and to all service members, who have answered the call to service in our Armed Forces.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 25, 2014, as:

MINNESOTA MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 17th day of March.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE